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LOK SABHA

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HEALTH HAZARDS DUE TO USE OF CARCINOGENIC SULPHUROUS WASTE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Carcinogenic Sulphurous waste being dumped by National Rayons Company in Ambivali in Maharashtra is being used as an alternative fuel by slum dwellers;

(b) if so, the health hazards caused to the residents of the area as a result thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made to prevent the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No Sir. As reported by the Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board (MPCB), the sulphurous hazardous waste generated by M/S National Rayon Corporation Ambivali, Maharashtra is stored in a confined area within the company premises. The waste therefore is not accessible to the residents of the area, including slum dwellers.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per Authorisation granted under Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules1989, amended 2003, by MPCB, M/s National Rayon Corporation is required to dispose off the hazardous wastes generated by them at the common Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (CTSDF) for industrial hazardous wastes being operated by the Mumbai Waste Management Ltd. at the MIDC Industrial Estate - Taloja, District Raigarh, Maharashtra.